Interested in reducing your energy costs?

Lower Valley Energy’s Business Energy Audit Program provides discounted energy audits to help your business prioritize energy efficiency projects and access funding for equipment upgrades. LVE provides a third-party evaluation of energy efficiency and demand reduction measures including simple payback estimates.

This program will cover 75% of the cost of your energy audit, and can be used to unlock funding opportunities:

- Energy Conservation Works 0% Loans
- Possible LVE Incentives
- Rural Energy for America (REAP) grants up to 25%
- REAP Loan Guarantees up to 75%

Call Lower Valley Energy at (800) 882-5875 to get started today!

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What is an energy audit?

An energy audit analyzes current energy use and recommends specific activities to reduce energy consumption or electric demand. An energy audit also analyzes the cost savings and the simple payback of the equipment.

What type of audits does the program offer?

There are three types of energy audits offered through this program. Each audit type is tailored to suit the needs of each applicant.

**Focused:** Analyzes energy savings of one or two specific energy efficiency projects. Can be used to apply for REAP and 0% interest energy efficiency loans through Energy Conservation Works.

**Demand Management:** Focuses on opportunities to reduce peak electric demand, such as time of use management and scheduling strategies for an operation.

**Comprehensive:** Analyzes all stationary energy-using equipment at the business. This audit can be used to access funding through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and 0% interest energy efficiency loans through Energy Conservation Works. Agricultural operations can use the audit to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There is no obligation to move forward with projects once you receive your audit report.

Who does the energy audit?

Lower Valley Energy has partnered with EnSave, Inc, an energy efficiency firm specializing in rural businesses and agriculture to deliver the energy audits. An EnSave representative will contact you to schedule an initial interview and potential site visit.

How much does the energy audit cost?

The applicant is responsible for 25% of the audit cost. Most comprehensive audits range from $2,000-$3,000 depending on the type and size of the operation. Focused and demand management audits typically cost less than the comprehensive audit, but cost can vary based on scope. Contact EnSave for a quote based on your specific needs.

What does EnSave need in order to complete an energy audit?

Audits require a minimum of one year (12 months) of energy usage history. Lower Valley Energy will provide your electric and natural gas history. Additional information may be requested if propane or fuel oil is used for the operation. Comprehensive audits include a site visit where EnSave will come to your location and collect equipment data and other information.

Who is funding this program and who can apply?

The USDA Rural Development awarded a grant to Lower Valley Energy with support from EnSave and Energy Conservation Works to deliver these energy audits to small businesses and farms in Lower Valley Energy Service Territory in Wyoming.

How long are the audits available?

Audits are provided on a first come, first serve basis and availability is expected to fill up fast. We have space for up to 35 audits, available through March of 2021.

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